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Platelets, and Bag Assembly Therefor

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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

Sir,

In response to the Final Rejection Official Action mailed May 6, 2003 (hereafter, "Final Action"), please amend the claim(s) for either of the alternative purposes of placing these claims in allowable form or in better form for consideration on appeal; and consider the Remarks as follows: